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THE TONQUIN QUESTION.

LONDON, Jan. 17 .- The Press Association publishes an interview with a leading member of the Chinese embassy in London. The latter stated that China had not yet declared war against France, although her memorandum to Prime Minister Ferry, in which China declared that an assault upon Sontay, Hung Hos, or Bac-Ninh, would be casus belli, would be carried out to the letter. When Sontay was captured the Marquis Tsong withdrew from France to England to await instructions from the Chinese government. These instructions had, since the Marquis Tsong arrived at Folkstone, been received, but their tener could not be divulged. The attack upon Sontay by the French was a violation of the friendly relations between the two countries, but the Marquis Tsong therefor will not make a formal declaration of war against France. France had attacked both Sontay and Hue without declaring war against China, and now threatened to attack BacNinh, where there were large bodies of Chinese troops, which would not be withdrawn, but which would meet the French forces and protect Bac-Ninh with all their power.

Cheng-Tsao-Fou, the Chinese minister to Sontay was captured the Marquis Tsong

Cheng Tsao-Fou, the Chinese minister to Spain, had recently visited England, but the report was not true that he came to London to see Mr. James Russell Lowell, the United States minister to England, to obtain through him the mediation of the United States gov-ernment between France and China. Chong-Tsao-Fou might have met Mr. Lowell, but it was not for any such purpose as asking for mediation. The United States minister at Madrid, Mr. John W. Foster, would be the proper medium of any official communication that Chang Tag.

that Cheng-Tsac-Fou should wish to make with the United States government.

The Marquis Tseng, the attache continued, was visiting London upon business of the Chinese legation, but it was not unlikely that he would discuss with Earl Granville, the British foreign secretary, the present position of affairs between the governments of China and France. The attache most restricted and France. The attache most positively declared that the Chinese government would never entertain a proposal to evacutive Bac-Ninh as a basis of negotiations for the settlement of the Tonquin question. He declined to enter into any conversation relative to the Marquis Tseng's letter to Herr Fleischer, edi-tor of the Deutsche Revue, recently published in the Breslau Gazette, but he stated that the letter would be made the subject of a full statement to be published in the near future. The Marquis Tseng, he added, had no inten-tion of returning to Paris at present.

AFTER BAC-NINH'S CAPTURE. PARIS, Jan. 17.—The Figure says that the English charge d'affaires at Pekin has in-duced the Tsung-Li-Yaman to declare that China will be satisfied if the French forces will abstain from invading the cities of Lang-Sen and Cac-Binh. It is stated that the Chinese commander in chief, Li Hung Chang, has declared that the Chinese forces at Buc-Ninh have been ordered to withdraw twenty-five learner to the northern five leagues to the northward.

The mediation of America between China and France upon the Tonquin question after the capture of Bac-Ninh by the French is deemed certain

GYPTIAN GARRISONS CUT OFF. CAIRO, Jan. 17.-The khedive has received telegram from the governor general of Soudan reporting that the insurgents have tut off the retreat of the garrisons in the provnce of Sennaar, and have rendered the river Nile impassable below Duem by sinkny boats in the channel.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 17 .- Mr. De Lion. an American, has presented to the Porte a scheme for a ship railway from El Arish, at the mouth of the Wadgel Areesh or river of Egypt, near the boundary of Egypt and Palestine, to the river Akabah, which empties hat the Red see

ABYSSINIA WANTS PEACE. PRAGUE, Jan. 17.—The Pelitik states that the traveler, Herr Streker, has arrived here, bearing an autograph letter to the cabinets of Berlin, Paris, and London from the king of Abyssinia. Sir Evelyn Baring, the British commissioner in Egypt, requested Herr Stroker to unfold his views with regard to an equitable basis of peace here. with regard to an equitable basis of peace be-tween Abyssinia and Egypt. It is expected that England will entrust Herr Streker with a mission to King John, of Abyssinia.

THE WORKINGMEN'S DEMANDS. PARIS, Jan. 17.—A committee of the cham-ber of deputies has decided that the petition of delegates of the unemployed workingmen, which demands that the chambers shall pro-vide work for them, shall be examined and their case investigated. Owing to the violent language of the delegates who waited on sev-eral deputies yesterday with the petition, their entrance to the lobby of the chamber was prohibited.

DYNAMITER WOLFF'S TRIAL. DYNASHTER WOLFF'S TRIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—William Wolff, who is
on trial in the Old Bailey court for being
illegally in possession of explosives, addressed
the jury in his own behalf to-day. He maintained that he was ignorant of the fact that
there was powder in his house, and asserted
that he was a victim of Edward Bondurand's

STOPPED BY THE POLICE.

DUBLIN, Jan. 19 .- The police refused to Cavan, yesterday, declaring that the dinne was a public meeting which had been officially proclaimed by government.

Died from an Abortion.

LANCASTER, PA., Jan. 17.-Hailie Scholl, daughter of a prominent citizen of this place. died at her home this morning from an abortion alleged to have been committed by Dr. Bruce, of 1116 Brown street, Philadelphia. Joseph Stricker, her alleged betrayer, was arrested at Mount Joy to-day as an accessory to the crime and lodged in jail. The girl, in her dying statement, said four other girls were under treatment at the same house

Philadelphia while she was an inmate of it.
Dr. Bruce was arrested to-night at his residence, in this city, and lodged in a cell at the central station. He undertook to escape from the officer, who, giving chase, captured him after running a square. Dr. Bruco was once before in custody on a similar charge,

but was acquitted. The Princess Louise's Chair.

OTTAWA, ONT., Jan. 17 .- The chair, which was used by Her Royal Highness Princess Louise at the opening and closing of parliament during her residence in Canada, has been shipped to her royal highness as a sou-

the dominion of Canada, advisors to his excellency, the governor general, the Marquis Lorne, 1883."

THE MARYLAND SENATORSHIP.

Four Ballots by the Two Houses in Joint Convention-Robinson Leads. ANNAPOLIS, Mp., Jan. 17 .- The first vote

in joint convention to-day for United States smater stood: Robinson, 21; Thomas, 19; Groome, 15; Wilson, 14; Keating, 7; Dixon, 4;

Groome, 15; Wilson, 14; Keating, 7; Dixon, 4; James Wallace (republican), of Dorchester, 20; Lloyd Lowndes (republican), of Cumberland, 4; Creswell, 3; Charles J. Westcott, Hart B. Holton, and Jacob Tome, I cach.
Second vote—Robinson, 21; Thomas, 17; Groome, 15; Wilson, 13; Keating, 8; Robort M. McLane (present governor), 5; Dixon, 2; Wallace, 14; Creswell, 8; Lowndes, 3; Vestcott, 2; John H. Sollman (republican), Anne Arundel, 2, and John C. Motter, I.
Third vote—Robinson, 22; Thomas, 19; Groome, 14; Wilson, 14; Dixon, 10; Keating, 7; McLane, 2; J. V. L. Findlay (democrat), 1; Creswell, 11; Westcott, 5; Wallace, 2; Hoton, 1; James A. Gary, 1; James Lawson, 1. and J. Parran Crane, 1.
Fourth vote—Robinson, 21; Thomas, 16; Groome, 17; Wilson, 14; Dixon, 13; Keating, 8; F. C. Latrobe, 2; Westcott, 6; Croswell, 2; Lawson, 2, and Wallace, 1.
The joint convention then adjourned until te-morrow.

To Revive American Shipbuilding. NEW YORK, Jan. 17.-The Metropolitan Industrial league met to-day and appointed a committee on national legislation, consisting of thirty members, who are to meet at the Arlington hotel, Washington, on the twenty-third instant to wait upon the ship-ping, ways and means, and postoffice and post roads committees of the house of representa-tives and the finance and commerce commit-tees of the senate. This committee is to op-pose all legislation in favor of free ships or free materials for shipbuilding and advocate only such a policy as will ravive American. only such a policy as will revive American shipping in the foreign trade in vessels to be built, owned, manned, and officered by Ameri-can citizens. The committee is instructed to advocate the repeal of all internal taxes, and such a readjustment of the tariff of 1983 as would give sufficient protection to American labor engaged in the production of wool and the manufacture of worsted goods, tin plate, cotton lies, wire rods, burlaps, &c. Among the members of this committee are John Roach, J. B. Houston, Sidney W. Rowell, John F. Henry, George W. Quintard, Smith M. Weed, of Plattsburg, and H. C. Calkins.

Assaulted by a Burglar.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Jan. 17.-George R. Ward, proprietor of the Relay house, a prominent hotel in this city, discovered a burglar in one of the halls of the hotel this morning at 2:30 o'clock and pursued him. The two met on the staitway and the burglar fired, the ball penetrating Ward's cheekbone. The burglar then struck Ward with a slung shot, knocking him down the stairway. The robber then escaped through a window. There is no clue to the criminal. Ward's wound is serious and painful. A man was arrested on suspicion this afternoon, and gave the name of Capt. Smith, steamboat captain of New Xork, claiming to be here prospecting. He was drunk when arrested and could not give a satisfactory account of himself.

The Cane Growers' Association. Sr. Louis, Jan. 17,-The Mississippi Valley Cane Growers' association, or National Cane Growers' association, as it is now termel, met again this morning. The topics of planting, fertilizing, and cultivation were planting, pertiasing, and currented were taken up and followed by a debate on the subject of seed hybridization. After some debate a resolution and preamble were adopted, protesting against the further tam-pering and reduction of the sugar tariff, deprecating any attempt to ratify a recip-rocity treaty with any foreign country; recommending the abrogation of the present tresty with the Sandwich islands, and calling upon congress to protect their interests and relieve them from the apprehension of utter ruin. A recess was then taken.

PITTSBURG, PA., Jan. 17.-At 1:30 o'clock this morning the body of Prof. Peter Voltz, a prominent citizens of Allegheny, was found at the Tenth street railroad bridge with a bullet hole in the right temple. His coat and vest were open, and his pockets had been rilled and his watch was gone. About four feet from the body were 30 cents in change and a tuning fork. There was no evidence of a struggle, and suicide was at first suggested, but as no weapon was found it is be-lieved that he was murdered. The bridge is dark and is a favorable resort for thieves. There is no clue to the murderer. Prof. Voitz leaves a widow and several grown up

The Hot Springs Improvement Suspended. Hot Springs, ARK., Jan. 17.—The govern ment work upon the improvement of Hot Springs creek was virtually suspended today. The contractors left several days since for Washington, and orders were received this morning to suspend active work. It is claimed that only \$5,000 of the original ap-propriation for the completion of the work is left, and further aid is requested from con-gross. Charges are made of fraud and crockedness in the management of the work and the disbursement of the money. An investi-gation is carnestly desired by a majority of the citizens.

Louisiana Republicans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17 .- In pursuance of resolutions adopted yesterday the chairman of the republican state central committee has issued a call for a convention of the party to meet in this city March 5.

There is some talk of an independent can-

didate for governor, who may be supported by the republicans.

Gov. Robinson's Successor in Congress Elected.

SPRINGPIELD, MASS., Jan. 17 .- At the special election in the twelfth congressional district to-day to elect a successor to Gov. Robinson Francis W. Rockwell, of Pittsfield (republican), received 9,560 votes to 7,246 for Cul. A. C. Woodworth, of Checopee (democrat

Spenker Carlisle and the Free Trade Club. NEW YORK, Jan. 17 .- Hon. J. G. Carlisle speaker of the house of representatives, will be a guest of the Free Trade club of New York city at its annual dinner, which occurs early in February.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The Philadelphia city councils in joint convention have elected J. Rayard Heary, Edwig A. Gaskill, and Dennis F. Dealy directors of the Philadelphia and Eric Hailroad company.

—The number of vessels belonging to the dis-trict of Gloucester, Mass., at the close of 1838 was 173, of a total (on sage of 0.535 tons, and a gain over the previous year of cieven vess.ls.

—Mr. John E. Zueblin, superintendent of the sixth district of the Western Union Telegraph company, has resigned to accord a position as general superintendent of the Baltimore and Obio Telegraph company.

-The store of D. P. Hill, at Glen Gardner, Pa., was closed yesterday by the sherif, on a judgment that Hill gave his father for\$2.500. Hill is the man who claims to have been short yesterday by burglars. His condition is still critical. The members of the American Society of Civil Engineers spent yesterday in inspecting the Brooklyn bridge, its engines and cable apparatus, the Fairbanks company's works, and the terminal arrangements of the West Snore railroad at Weehawken.

-John and Joseph Suder and Jeremiah T. Wilvenir of her sejourn is the dominion. The son, photographers, who were arrested some time following inscription has been placed on the back of the chair: "Presented to Her Royal Highness Frincess Louise by the ministers of \$600 and undergo an imprisonment of one year. A FAMILY FAILING.

Imbecility Said to Have Been Common in the Nutt Family.

More Testimony as to the Weakmindedness of the Prisoner

Scenes and Incidents at the Trial Yesterday-Miss Lizzie Nutt Not Present.

Great Sympathy Felt for Her and Her Mother.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 17.-When the Nutt trial opened this morning the court room was crowded as usual. Mrs. Nutt and family were not in their accustomed seats. Among those present, however, were Mrs.; Breckenridge, accompanied by her husband, who is cashier of the People's National bank of Uniontown, and who received letters threatening his life if he appeared as a witness here. The prisoner was brought in looking fresh and smiling. It is now thought that the trial will extend well into next week, as there is only a bare possibility that the defense will more get through with the witnesses by Satthan

urday.

James Well, an uncle of James Nutt, the

James Well, an uncle of James Nutt, the witness last examined yesterday, resumed his seat in the witness box and the examination recommenced on behalf of the defense.

Q. What did you do on the afternoon of June 13 in Nutt's stable?

A. I was in the stable saddling a horse. I heard shooting, and went out and saw Stephen Nutt and James indulging in target practice. The inter said: "Uncle James, you shoot." I took the pistol and tried once. Stephen Nutt ried to shoot with his pistol, but it would not go off, and James said: "Never mind, Uncle Stephen, I will go to the house and got a pistol that will shoot." He stepnen Nutt tried to shoot with his pistol, but it would not go off, and James said: "Never mind, Uucle Stephen, I will go to the house and get a pistol that will shoot." He then brought a pistol out of the house, and we fired at a board with it. After several shots we started home, laughing and chatting. I did not hear Stephen say, "Now, Jim, don't fail." I do not remember hearing him say anything. Stephen had an old buildog pistol, which would not shoot at all. Stephen had been talking to James about gardening. I did not hear Jim say snything about Dukes, and I never spoke to himon the subject, because Dukes's name used to affect him so much. Capt. Nut's father was married twice. By his first wife he had Stephen, Joseph, James, and Moses, full brothers of Capt. Nut, and William, George, and Jackson, half brothers. Capt. Nutt also had a sister, Mary. She was a full sister. Her mind was affected. A committee was appointed by a court to take charge of her. George Nutt died an imbectile. James and Moses, his full brothers, were both deaf mutes. There were court proceedings in the case of George Nutt also, he belog mentally incompetent. Young Jim was peculiar, and when talked to would get excited. He was slways a nervous boy. I told Jim that it was said Dukes was following Lizzie and it excited him, but he did not say anything. I have talked to him about Dukes and told him to keep away from down town; that it would be beat. After Dukes's trial he would shudder when Dukes was named and lost all interest in things, and thay could not stir him up.

I sanc Hurst said he had been acquainted with the defendant all his life, and had always thought that he was weakminded. Before his father's death James worked on the farm. After he came home from Rochester to attend his father's funeral he appeared when dearessed. He did.

Before his father's death James worked on the farm. After he came home from Rochester to attend his father's funeral he appeared much depressed. He did not seem to have the inclination to take care of the farm as he had before. He was changed. He would not talk to witness on the subject of his father's death. After Dukes's acquittal he grew moody. He would often sit down for only a moment and then set you and go for only a moment, and then get up and go out restless like. Witness used to speak to him when he met him in town, and some-times he would not answer. He appeared to times no would not answer. He appeared to be in a deep study about something. Witness met him on the road going to town the night that Dukes was shot, and walked part of the way with him. They had some conversation about an Alderney calf, but witness remem bered saying nothing else.

Mr. Breckenridge, cashier of the People's bank of Uniontown, told the story of Capt Nutt's death. Airer Duke's trial Capt

death, After Dukes's trial Capt Nutt's pistol, which witness had taken from the deceased, went into the possession of W. Boyd. Witness was administrator of the Nutt estate, and one day young Nutt came to his office and stated that his mother had said his office and stated that his mother had said he could have his father's revolver. Witness told him that he would like to keep it, but Nutt said, "No. I would like to have my father's pistol," So witness sent him to Mr. Boyd's office, and the latter took it from his safe and gave it to him. James was in the habit of carrying a revolver. He came for the revolver about three weeks after the acuittal of Dukes.

The prosecution attempted to show that Capt. Nutt had gone to the Jennings house with felonious intent, but the defense objected, and the court sustained them, ruling that the Capt. Nutt case could not be tried over again.

The witness continuing, said: I have seen him shooting, and once shot at a mark with James Junk, another uncle, said that Jim

would sit with his face in his hands for hours would sit with his face in his hands for hours, rarely saying anything. Sometimes he would commence speaking, then get up and walk away without finishing. Witness ate dinner at Nutt's house on the day of the shooting, and was with the prisoner four or five hours. The prisoner did not talk much, and appeared more reserved than usual. Witness remarked the change for his wife but said nothing to the change to his wife, but said nothing to

Dr. Sturgeon was next called, but was ab-

Mr. Playford proposed to the presecution to Mr. Playford proposed to the prosecution to admit what was desired to be proved by the witness if it were admissible evidence. Senator Voorliees produced the evidence of the doctor, which was to the effect that Dukes arrived at the time of the shooting with a revolver and a bowle. Mr. Patterson, of the prosecution, objected to the offer made to have it read to the jury

to the offer made to have it read to the jury and was sustained by the court.

A recess was then taken.

Clark Breckenridge, in an interview, said that the letters received by him were more scurrilous, and advised him to leave the country; called him vile names and cast reflections on himself and the Nutt family. In case of Nutt's acquittal he thought it would not be wise for him to return to Uniontown, and that he should "go west." for a time. There were those in Uniontown who bo re him no good will, but Mr. Breckenridge bore him no good will, but Mr. Breckenridge doubted if any open demoustration of ani-mosity would be made. A number of other people from Uniontown

expressed themselves in the same manner, and some thought it might develop into a sectional matter that would create lasting and traditional animosities.

The court resumed its session at 1:15, Leanora Phillips, school teacher, said James Nutt was one of her scholars in 1879, and that he was slow at learning, and that when he stopped school he did not show much im provement. She said he was a good boy and tried hard to learn. James Nutt's mental ca-pacity was much lower than that of the other children.

Medical expert testimony was then called. Dr. A. M. Pollock, the first witness, said he felt competent to give testimony as an expert in cases of mental difficulties. A hypotheti-cal case was put to the doctor by Mr. Swartz-welder embracing all the points in James Nutt's case, constituting a synopsis of what had been affered in relation to his montal

true," said Mr. Schwartzweider, "what is your idea of the mental condition of Natt's mind at the time of the firing of the pistoly." Dr. Follock replied, "A person with the ancestry cited would be almost certain to inherit insanity. I should think the person under the condition cited would be insane. Some persons have an insane temperament that may suddenly break down the mental control, yet persons who have such a horitage pass through a whole life without insanity becoming manifest. I have known cases where there was a distinct manifestantion of unsoundness of mind which passed sway without any apparent permanent results. After the impulse had reached an irresistible point the condition of insanity would remain. After a homicidal act resulting from unsoundness of mind the unsoundness would most likely remain. Where there was not unsoundness following circumstances would determine whether or not the act was that of a child of a sound mind."

The prosecution detailed the actions of young Nutt from the time he left home until he killed Dukes, and asked the doctor if he

be killed Dukes, and asked the doctor if he would judge Nutt to have been of sound mind at the time.

"Such actions," replied Dr. Pollock, "would not be incompatible with the idea of insanity salvanced if, during the day and up to the moment of the killing, there was no manifestation of unsoundness of mind. After killing Dukes Nutt asked to be taken to jail. Basing my answer upon the hypothetical question I my answer upon the hypothetical question I would say the act was that of an insane mind, while with the community at large it would be the reverse. I base my answer upon the ability of the young man to inherit insanity from his ancestors."

Dr. Ewing, a practicing physician for eigh-teen years and an attendant at the Dixmont Dr. Lwing, a practicing physician for eighteen years and an attendant at the Dixmont Insane asylum, answered the hypothetical question by saying; The probabilities are strongly in favor of unsoundness of mind at the time the act was committed. A predisposition to insanity being present, I would say that an overt act was the outgrowth of it. The manifestations following the act would not necessarily be any different from those preceding. It is not uncommon for excitement to pass off as rapidly as it appears. That is the accepted doctrine of all authorities upon the subject.

Dr. Daly, a physician of twenty years experience, said he was not much of a believer in inherited insanity, although he believed it did exist. Assuming the hypothetical question to be true, there is, he said, a strong probability that the killing was the result of an insane impulse.

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Dr. Wylie, who has been connected with the Dixmont asylum for six years, said that his opinion of James Nutt's condition when he fired the shot is, that he was labering under an irresistable impulse, caused by emotional disturbances.

Dr. Riggs, who has handled many cases of mental disease during his career, considered James Nutt of unsound mind at the time he committed the act of shooting Dukes.

Dr. Smith Fuller heard the hypothetical question, and gave the opinion that Nutt was labering under a delusion or was a monomaniae; that he felt compelled to take the life of Dukes. "I think," said he, "that James had made up his mind to take Dukes's life. The murder of his father and the traducing of his sister had created this desire until it became a dominant desire with him. He was crafty; all maniaes are crafty. His condition was due to a hereditary taint. The act sprang from the mania that was possessing him at the time and not from the opportunity. I have no doubt that he designed and contemplated the killing of Dukes for a long time."

The court adjourned.

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Miss Lizzie Nutt was unable to attend court to-day, owing to a severe attact of mervous prostration, which confined her to her bed. Since her father's death she has had up bravely, but when she decided to attend her brother's trial she overestimated her strength and powers of self control. The testimony has been particularly harrowing to Miss Nutt's feelings, and her condition excits. carries the gravest apprehensions among her friends. During the reading of the hypothetical question, Mrs. Nutt indulged in a long fit of silent weeping. The prisoner was also visibly affected, though he strove hard to conceal his emotion. Several times during the day, when allusions were made to his want of mental strength, James Nutt gave away to his crief. It was James Nutt gave away to his grief. It was learned to-day that the chief authority cited learned to-day that the chief authority cited by the commonwealth in their argu-ment will be a charge delivered by Judge Stowe in a case tried be-fore him twelve years ago. The defendant had killed his sister's seducer, and pleaded emotional insanity. The judge charged so strongly against him that a ver-dict of murder in the first degree was ren-

dered.

The desire to witness the trial is so great The desire to witness the trial is so great that the deputies who have charge of the tickets have been offered as high as \$20 for a single admission. A thriving business has been done since the beginning of the trial by some of the holders of season tickets, who, after being admitted, would collect tickets from their friends, come down and sell them on the street at \$1 each, and then conduct the purchasers inside. They would then collect the tickets and sell them over again.

THE "INTER OCEAN'S" WIRE.

The Manager Says There Is No Ill-Feeling on Either His Side or That of the Telegraph Company.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The statement has been sent out by various Washington special correspondents to the effect that by reason of the publication by the Inter Ocean, of this city, of the speech of Senster Hill, in advocacy of the postal telegraph bill, that the Western Union company had peremptorily cut off the later Occas from the use of certain leased wires into Washington and New York. The manager of that journal declares the story to be untrue in all its parts. He also furnishes the following statement:

following statement:

OFFICE OF THE "INTER CREAN"—To the Agent of the described Prices: I would be pleased to have you deny the foolish rumors I understand are in circulation in regard to the relations of the Inter-Ocean and the Western Union Telegraph company. They are without foundation. Our lease of the Western Union wires expired on Jan. 15, and the company not being willing to come to my terms for a new lease. I requested that they cut the wires out, which they dod. It was a simple matter of business, and there has been no time during the negatiation say ill-feeling on either side, nor is there now, that I know of.

Western Nixon, General Manager.

A Woman Burned to Death.

FALL RIVER, MASS., Jan. 17.—Concerning the fatal burning of Mrs. Charles P. Stickney last night, it was stated that during the day she had saturated a carpet with naphtha preparatory to laying it over another one. While laying down this carpet the stove leg came of and she procured a naphtha lamp to immediately enveloped in flames. Shoran from one room to another and fell at the head of the stairs dead, from inhaling the flames. She was terribly burned all over her hedy. Mr. Stickney's hands are terribly burned, and he may lose the use of them.

CABLE CATCHES.

The strike of the Paris cab drivers has virtually collapsed. -Hon. Mr. Dostaler, member of the Dominion legislative council, is dead, aged 75 years.

The fire in the premises of S. W. Silver & Co-colonial merchanus and publishing house, in Lor-don, caused damage to the amount of £35,009. A number of gentlemen connected with the company which is constructing the Mersey tunnel walked through the opening yesterlay from Liver pool to linkenhead.

The nephew of Leut. Col. Sudeikin, who was wounded by the ninllists when they assassinated his uncle, died at St. Peteraburg yesterday without

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The Old Colony railroad has presented to the
Massachusetts legislature a petition for leave to
double track its road. President thanks
the work can be completed within three years.

THE RAILROAD WAR.

Commissioner Fink's Order Suspended Penting More Negotiations.

New York, Jan. 17.-The order issued by Commissioner Fink several days ago, prohibiting the lines west of Buffalo from re-colving through freight from the Dolaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, was suspeuded to-day. Mr. Fink stated that it was done in consequence of the consent on the part of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Westdone in consequence of the consent on the part of the Delaware. Lackawanna and Western to submit the questions now in dispute between that road and the trunk lines to arbitration, and that the order was not wholly withdrawn, but merely suspended during the pendency of these negotiations. At the office of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western President Sloan denied that hid had made any overtures, but asserted that when Mr. Fink heard of the injunction granted yesterday by Judge Haight, of the supreme court, in Buffale, restraining the trunk lines from interfering with the business of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, or from refusing to receive its through freight, he immediately withdrew his order and officed to agree to a new arbitration. This proposition, Mr. Sloan said, he accepted. The beard of arbitration will be ecomposed of three members, one to be chosen by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Westera, one by the joint executive committee, and the third selected by the other two.

Mr. Sloan says he will not press the injunction at present, and there is no necessity to do so since the withdrawal of the order by Mr. Fink.

Vice President Hayden, of the New York Central railroad, denied to day that the Con-

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Central railroad, denied to-day that the Con-tral was discharging its freight bands, or any of its employes, as rumored. A few might have been discharged, as it was customary to reduce the force somewhat at certain seasons of the year, but it was not done in the manner

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Hale's Message-His Views Upon Various Objects of Interest.

CHEVENNE, W. T., Jan. 17.-The message of Gov. Hale was read this afternoon at 2 o'clock to the eighth legislative assembly. After congratulating the people upon the prosperity which has attended them in the past , and making predictions on the future greatness of the territory, the governor re-views the minoral and agricultural resources in the most glowing terms. The finances of the territory are shown to be in a prespecous condition. Radical changes in the veterinary laws are urged in order to prevent the intro-duction of contagious diseases into this great cattlerships resident.

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cattle-raising region.

The Yellowstone national park question is
dealt with in a few pointed sentences, his excellency urging the necessity of more stringent legislation in order to protect the beauties of this national resort, the principal point
being an extension of the county judicial authority over the park by the county in which
it is situated. The Indian question is also
dealt with in an able and spirited mann r.
The governor also recommends a revision of
the election laws and the mode of the selection of jurors. He recommends that the
election laws be made more stringent as regards bribery. The game laws receive more
than a passing notice, and more stringent
measures are urged for its preservation.
Several railroad enterprises are urged for favorable consideration by the legislature. The
question of female suffrage is ignored altogether in the message. As a whole the message meets with general approval, although
omitting a number of impersast questions,
for which the governor refers to his report to
the secretary of the interior.

Reception to Senator Payne. COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 17 .- At a reception to-night Senator Elect Payne said he considered his election a high compliment to the democrats of northern Ohio and their loyalty to the party. He said of civil service law, it was like trying to clean the Augean stables with a foothbrush, and that the only remedy for the service, which has been under the control of republicans for the past twenty years, all officers from the highest to the lowest having been filled by representatives of that party, was to elect a democratic president. This, he said, would be the only complete and radical remedy. He favored a tariff for revenue, limited to the necessities of the government economically administered, and so adjusted as to encourage productive industries at home and afford a just compensation to laborers with-out fortering monopolies. His thanks to the members of the general assembly for the high honor done him were most hearty.

The Newsome Murder.

PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 17.-The supreme ourt of appeals of Virginia has granted a writ of supersedeas in the case of S. S. Lewis, who was convicted in the circuit court of Southampton county for the killing of John Newsome, colored, and sentenced to the peni-tentiary for seventeen years. Execution of sentence has been suspended for lifteen days. The nurdered man was a prominent politician and merchant of the county in which the nurder occurred, and at the time was attending a political meeting at the court house there.

A Cocking Main on Long Island. NEW YORK, Jan. 17.-A well-contested ocking main between Long Island and New

Jersey birds took place this morning at a sporting resort on Long Island. About 200 sports were present, and they declared it one of the best matches they had ever witnessed. The match was for \$250 a side and \$50 per battle. Each side showed fifteen birds. Long Island birds won nine battles and the main. Considerable money changed hands on the resuli.

Killed by Dynamite. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 17 .- Culpopper

Austin and Mack Chapman, while digging a well to-day on the farm of Mark Austin, in Union county, used a dynamite cartridge in blasting. They fired the cartridge, but it failed to explede, and they returned to the well, when the cartridge expleded. Austin was terribly mangled and died. Chapman had both arms blown off and his eyes put out, the will die.

A Lykens Valley Vein Struck. MOUNT CARMEL, PA., Jan. 17 .- At noon to-day the Lykeus valley vein was struck at Bellmore colliery. The tunnel driven is 200 yards in length and cost \$12,000. Large sums of money have been expended at the different collieries in this district in searching for this valuable deposit, but until to-day all efforts proved ineffectual.

Fined for Cruelty to Satiors. New Your, Jan. 17 .- In the United States ircuit court to-day Capt. Joshua Slocum, of the ship Northern Light, who was convicted of cruelty to H. A. Slater, a sailor on his ves-sal, on the passage from South Africa to this port, was sentenced by Judge Benedlet to pay \$500 fine. The amount was paid and the captain released.

Villard's Successor.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.-Robert Harris, vice president of the Eric railroad, was to-day elected president of the Northen Pacific railroad to succeed Mr. Villard. Mr. Harris has accepted the position. He was formerly connected with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad.

The Weather. Generally fair, warmer weather, southwesterly winds

lling barems(ev. Yesterday's thermometer: 7 a. m., 17.9°; 11 a. m.,

27.6°; 3 p. m., 38.5°; 7 p. m., 28.8°; 11 p. m., 26.6° maximum, \$4.0°; minimum, 15.9°. tations, Explaining the Pictures, Albert Pit-

FRANKLIN DAY.

The Public School Celebration of the Great American Philosopher.

Order of Exercises in the Various Grades of Each Division.

Distinguished Group of Visitors Witness the Exercises at the High School.

Twenty Thousand Children Lisping "Poor Richard's" Maxima.

Benjamin Franklin, the American statesman and philosopher, was born in Boston 178 years ago yesterday. The event was celurated in the public schools of Washington yesterday with interesting exercises. The long blackboards were brought into requisition and filled with drawings of scenes in the life of Franklin. They were drawn in every instance by the scholars, and included many well executed portraits of the eminent philosopher. The programme included many essays and poems illustrative of his life; also practical experiments in candle-making and electricity. The latter began with Franklin's effort to capture the flashing fluid by means of a kite and concluded with explanations of the advanced methods of electric lighting, telegraphy, &c. The order of exercises was about the same for each grade, ascending with the grade until in the eight or grammar school and in the high schools the programmes strikingly evidend the intellectual development of the pupils. In some of the schools of the seventh well executed portraits of the eminent phipupils. In some of the schools or the seventh

pupils. In some of the schools of the seventh grade the programmes indicated as high a mental advance on the part of the pupils as in the eighth or grammar grade.

The programmes given below, after the record of the high school, are those furnished in the grammar schools of the city, with an example of each grade from the first to the aighth.

with an example of each grade from the first to the eighth.

The hall of the high school was bright with decorations at 12:30 p. m. yesterday, the hour aunounced for the exercises in observance of the day. Over the archway facing the entrance were the words "Eripuit cw'o finana septemany tyrannis," while on one side appeared the dates of his birth and death, and on the other the famous watchword. "Industre. dates of his birth and death, and on the other the famous watchword, "Industry, Temperance, Frugality," On the platforn were a bust of Franklin and a portrait executed in chalk by one of the pupils, while around the room were hung shields displaying many of "Poor Richard's" sayings. Among the distinguished guests upon the platform were Hon. W. W. Corcoran, Monsigner Capel, Commissioner West, ex-Commissioner Dent, Hon. Horatic King, Trustees Warner, Lovejoy, and Clark, and Supt, Wilson. Promptly at the hour the 500 pupils of the school were in their places, with a large gathering of parents and friends. The a large gathering of parents and friends. The bright, happy faces of the boys and girls assembled to do honor to the great philan-thropist and the creditable manner in which they acquitted themselves were, we think, the best witness to the work of Dr. Franki a as the founder of the first high school. The following was the order of exercises:

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Chorus—"My country, 'tis of thoe"........School
Rsssy—Benjamin Franklin,' Miss Hartle M.
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Reading—"Franklin's first appearance in Philisdolphis"......... Miss Mary E. Mallon,
Beclamation—"God governs," from speech in fexeral convenition....Louis P. Whitaker
Essay—"Incidents in Franklin's lite," Miss Emma Hanford,
Essay—"Franklin as a scientist," W. Wallace
Nairn,
Quartette—"To our native land," James Watson,
Miss Sallie E. Burroughs, A. Jay
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Miss Sallie E. Burroughs, A. Jay Marsh, Miss Martha K. Glutings. Declamation—"The character of Franklin," W. Spencer Armstrong. Essay—"Franklin as he appears to a child," Chas. Del. Hine. Essay—"Franklin as a diplomate," Miss Elizabeth C. Bonde.

Declamation—"Final speech of Franklin in the federate convention," Hugh M. Smith.
Essay—"Franklin as a man and clitzen," Miss Mary A. Hanley.
Chorus—"God save our fatheriand"......School. Chorus—"God save our fatheriand"...... School.

Especially worthy of notice were the declamation of Master Smith and the thoughful essay of hiss Hauley. After the exercises President Warner, of the board of trustees, in a few words introduced Mr. Corcoran, who briefly expressed his pleasure at being present, and was followed by Monsigner Capel, who, with great earnestness, addressed the school on the subject of education, saying he had himself been for five and twenty years. had himself been for five and twenty teacher of children and youth of all ages and from every civilized land. He dwelt upon the dignity of labor and said that industry, tendignity of labor and said that industry, temperance, and frugality were indeed the watchwords in life. "How many of you girls expest to become domestic servants?" he asked. "How many of you boys will be carriers of bricks and mortar? Do not laugh," he added, "Franklin's character is lost in labor. Often will you find in your after life that laborace est arare. Let 'Excelsior' be your motto. But do not at the same time be content with mere intellectuality; something more than the education of the mind will be needed to bear the cares and sorrows that must come—the education of the heart." The great prelate closed with a plea for tolerance. Commissions West then made a few remarks, alluding to the profundity of the problem of education. and was followed by ex-Commissioner Dent. and was followed by ex-Commissioner Bent, after which the audience adjourned to the drill hall to witness the semi-weekly drill of the High School Cadets. As on all public occasions the various recitation rooms, laboratories, and library of the school were thrown open, and the throng of guests that passed in and out till a late hour in the afternoon bears evidence to the general interest felt in this evidence to the general interest felt in this

young but flourishing institution.

School 2, grade 1, division 1, Emma Eisenbeias teacher—Song by the school: early life of Franklin, Jesse Lemon, Eva Slater, Georgé Smith, Sam Carter, Walter Stekoy, and Raymond Atchison: class recitation, three maxims: Franklin as a scientist. Ernest Rupperi, Joseph Douglas, Raiph Warfield. George Nightingale, Maude Hense, Mamie Campbell, and Charite Scott: slate work, draw kite and key, write Benjamin Franklin's name, school; Poor Richard sayings, twanty-two pupils; Poor Richard sayings, twenty-two pupils; ancedotes, Addie O'Bryan, Stuart Rice, and Blanche Lamb; inventions, &c., Eva Smith and Philip Cobn; drawings on board, portraits of Franklin, entrance to Philadel-

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portraits of Franklin, entrance to Philadelphia, porter boy, kite, house, wharf.
School I, grade 2, division 2, Cora A. Robertson, teacher—Chorus, My Country, tis of
Thee: story of Franklin's life, a talk by
pupils and teacher; chorus, We'll Rally Kound
the Flag; maxims, recitations, by each pupil;
chorus, Yankee Doodle; maxims, continued;
chorus, Yankee Doodle; maxims, continued;
chorus, Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean;
blackboard illustrations, Franklin as a
printer, cranklin's electrified kite, Franklin's entrance to Philadelphia, Franklin
wheeling home goods; motto, industry, Temperance, Frugality; engraving of Franklin; perance, Frugality; engraving of Franklin; maxims written on alates and paper for ex-hibition; room decorated with flags. School 12, grade 3, division 2, Dora E.

Rogers, teacher—Singing school; Biography of Franklin, Bertie Reichenbach; anecdote, The Whistle, Florence Montrop; anecdote, Myra Spilman; Story of Franklin, part 1 Myra Spilman; Story of Franklin, part 1 (Hawthorne), Mary Sumner; singleg, school; Story of Franklin, part 2 (Hawthorne), Bessie Mills; quotations from "Poor Richard's Al-manae," second division of school; story, Entrance to Philadelphia, Elise Dufour; ance-Attrace to Paliadelphia, Etiso Datour, anecdote, Luiu Watson; quotations from "Poor
Richard's Aimanac," first division of school;
address, W. F. Rogers, and singing, school.
School 1, grade 4, division 1, S. V. A.
Shields, teacher.—Song, "Love of Country,"
school; conversation, Life of Franklin, school;
reading, The Whistle, Morris Lammond; repttations, Evaluation the Pictures.